



# CITY NEWS

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## *A Note from the Mayor:*

The City of Madison has once again received the IPEP Safety Award. The award is achieved by having less than a 50% loss ratio plus an acceptable claim incident rate as compared to municipalities statewide.

***Parks Department  
has moved to the  
Brown Gym.  
265-8308***

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **Riverfront Project-**

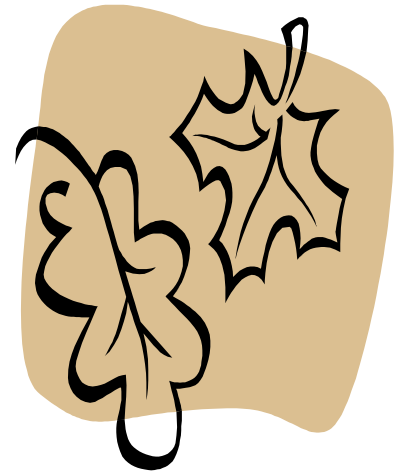
A bid has been accepted in the amount of \$1,457,756 from Dave O'Mara Contracting. The inspection engineer will be Beam, Longest & Neff. Completion is scheduled for summer of 2009.

### **Bicentennial Park-**

Dirt work has been completed. The pad for the stage on the southwest corner is complete. Trees should be planted some time this winter. Utility work will begin this winter and continue through the spring.

### **City Hall Roof-**

The damage to the roof was more serious than anyone could have imagined. There were broken and rotten trusses that had to be ordered and replaced. Needless to say, the process is taking much longer than expected. Your patience is appreciated as we wrap things up.



## UPCOMING PROJECTS

**Christmas-**The holidays are fast approaching and we will be having many festivities to celebrate. First on November 29th, we will have Santa Claus

and the Mayor deliver the City tree to Broadway. Then on December 6th, we will have the Annual Christmas Parade and the Lighting of the City. The Parade

will start at 4 pm and Light Up Madison will follow at 5:30 pm. There will be events throughout the day.

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“Nothing worthwhile comes easily. Work, continuous work and hard work, is the only way to accomplish results that last.”

## UPCOMING PROJECTS CONTINUED

**Bridge-**There has been a citizens advisory committee appointed to work with Wilbur Smith & Associates. The hope is to get community involvement in this important project.

*“Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.”*

## STREET DEPARTMENT-DOUG VEST

We are working diligently on repairing sidewalks, and taking out tree stumps from the wind storm.

Third Street from West to Jefferson will be paved in the next few weeks. Concrete work on Michigan

Hill is scheduled to begin soon. We will be replacing about 41 foot of gutter line and repairing some large holes. We are continuing tree removal and pruning and hope to have that

Wrapped up by cold weather.

Leaf crews will be starting and we have three DOC crews to help us keep up. Once the Vac trucks are out, you should not need to call for leaf pick up.



## SANITATION DEPARTMENT-KENNY WASHER

The Transfer Station has been busy with all of the construction materials that have been brought in. Please be patient if there is a slight wait. Just a reminder that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, trash will

Pick up for Thursday will be on Friday. Remember you can always go to the E-Gov section of the City website to check the calendar for pickup days and any changes.





## WATER DEPARTMENT-RANDY EGGENSPILLER

**State Road 62**-The State Road 62 West Utility Relocation is 80% completed. Will be completed by mid December and clean up will take place in the Spring of 2009.

**Water Projects**-The Dahlam neighborhood, West First Street and Esplano Drive water projects are moving along. Construction is scheduled to start in Spring/Summer 2009.

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

- Albert Einstein

## MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT-CHIEF JOHN WALLACE

**Employment**-The department has filled the four positions it had open. James Lee and Dean Woolard are currently patrolling. Seth Melton is scheduled to graduate from the academy in December and Michael McVoy is scheduled to attend the academy in early January.

**DARE**-Two officers have now been trained in the D.A.R.E program. Lt. Dan Thurston and Season Jackson have already started teaching the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The Actual program will start in March. Watch for the newly donated D.A.R.E. vehicles.

**K-9**-In January the MPD will be equipped with a police K-9. A fundraiser is currently underway so there will not be a cost to the taxpayers. The K-9 will be utilized County wide, however will be the property of the City of Madison and handled by a MPD officer.



## PLANNING COMMISSION-MIKE HOFFMAN

**Zoning** -The process has begun to finalize the Zoning Ordinance. Work has also begun with Cornerstone on Historic Guidelines. The guidelines will

Be a valuable tool for the citizens as well as the board. John Stacier with Historic Madison is working with the City on becoming a CLG Community. We could be eligible for Historic

Preservation Fund matching grants. We are continuing to work on nuisance properties.

## PARKS DEPARTMENT HAROLD “PEE WEE LAKEMAN”

**Senior Center**-There is still discussion as to purchasing a new building or renovating the existing facility. It has been proposed on the first floor to add new carpet, bathroom renovations, dance floor, paint and more activities. Other locations are being looked at.

**Skate Park**-A new ramp will be in place for the upcoming summer season. A grant is being worked on at present to make this happen.

**Men's Basketball**-A new league is being organized. Games will be played at the Brown Gym on Thursday Night. The season will start Dec. 4th and will have hired officials. Cost is \$350.00 and we will take the first 12 teams.

**Fee Structuring**-The Park Board and a volunteer board have been looking at the fee structure for all activities. Randy Greves will make a recommendation to the Park Board on November 25th. The Park Board will vote on the proposal at the December meeting.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF STEVE HORTON

**Fire Safety**-The holidays can be hectic so please take the time to ensure that fireplaces, wood stoves, and chimneys, are clean and in a safe operating condition before using them. Be sure that everything is turned off and all open-flame devices are extinguished. Before using an extension cord with an electric space heater, check the manufac-

turer's manual. Ensure that children, pets and combustibles are kept a safe distance away from heaters. Do not overload electrical circuits. If you smell smoke or suspect a fire, please get all occupants from the house, meeting in a predetermined location, and call 911. The fire department would much rather be notified

promptly, check the situation and, hopefully, find nothing than to arrive to find a house in flames because of delayed call. There is no need to feel embarrassed and the MFD does not charge a fee for responding.

*“The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more.”-Jonas Salk*